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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE FOR R/V EASTWARD

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 0244

1. RESEARCH CONDUCTED OFF TRINIDAD WAS CONDUCTED WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN THE GOTT NOTE. NOTE WAS RECEIVED AT DOS ON 2 FEB AND RESEARCH BEGAN ON 30 JAN AND ENDED 5 FEB. ORAL APPROVAL WAS GRANTED ON 29 JAN. PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF REQUIREMENT, TO WITHHOLD PUBLICATION OF DATA UNTIL EXPLICIT CONSENT OF GOTT WAS GRANTED, WOULD HAVE FORCED CANCELLATION OF THE CRUISE. US MARINE SCIENCE POLICY DOES NOT PERMIT COMPLIANCE WITH SUCH A REQUIREMENT. US POLICY IS TO PROVIDE DATA PUBLICATIONS TO THE HOST COUNTRY WITHOUT DELAY. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANTS REQUIRE THAT THE DATA BE OPENLY PUBLISHED AND FORWARDED TO THE WORLD DATA CENTER WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER COMPLETION OF THE CRUISE.

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2. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE EMBASSY APPROACH THE GOTT WITH

THE INFO PROVIDED ABOVE. IN ADDITION, THE CONVENTION ON
THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF APRIL 29, 1958 (TIAS 5578)
OF WHICH USG AND GOTT ARE PARTIES, PROVIDES IN ARTICLE

5, FOR CLEARANCES AS GRANTED EASTWARD AND CONCLUDES WITH
REQUIREMENT THAT RESULTS OF SUCH RESEARCH SHALL BE PUB-
LISHED. PARA 1 OF SAME ARTICLE PROHIBITS ANY INTER-
FERENCE WITH FUNDAMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH CARRIED
OUT WITH THE INTENTION OF OPEN PUBLICATION.

3. A REQUEST FOR DUPLICATE DATA SAMPLES WAS NOT MADE
BY THE TRINIDADIAN OBSERVERS. THEREFORE, DUKE ASSUMED
THE GOTT DID NOT REQUIRE THESE DATA SAMPLES OR OTHER
PRELIMINARY DATA. DUKE HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE ALL DATA
RESULTS TO THE GOTT AND WILL PROVIDE DUPLICATES IF
REQUESTED. PLEASE ADVISE. SISCO

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